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The Honorable Henry S. Ruth, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Ruth:

This is in response to your question to Mr. Colby and me during our meeting of 18 February wherein you asked whether this Agency had trained any police in surreptitious entry or electronic surveillance. According to records available to my Office, to date we have been able to determine that the following training was provided by this Agency:

a. During 1968 and 1969 a total of 24 police officers from Washington, D.C., and Fairfax and Arlington Counties, Virginia were trained by this Agency; such training included tutorial instruction in lock picking and positive audio surveillance; and,

b. During 1972 two courses in lock picking were held for a total of 10 police officers from Washington, D.C., and Fairfax and Arlington Counties, Virginia, and Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties, Maryland.

The training was basically predicated on the need of the police departments to combat the tangible threats posed by radical terrorist groups within their jurisdictions. We are continuing to search our records to determine if the above represents all the training this Agency provided domestic police officials in either surreptitious entry or electronic surveillance. In accordance with Mr. Feldbaum's request, this search will also include an examination of our records to determine if there is any indication as to what that training was used for. We will forward further information regarding this matter as it is located.

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